Wadeye secures reliable power network

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The Wadeye community will now have access to a more secure and reliable power supply, with the official opening today of the new $13.9 million Gas Fired Power Station.

Minister for Essential Services Willem Westra van Holthe praised the Power and Water Corporation for its large investment in the region.

“This is a major capital works project with the capability over its life to supply power to more than 1600 homes and businesses,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“It will service the Wadeye community for up to 40 years and will in the future also supply Nganmarriyan (Palumpa) and Peppimenarti through the grid connection, ensuring residents have access to a reliable electricity network which has the capacity to support future economic development.

“Environmental benefits will also flow through, with the new station fuelled through a supply pipeline which has been connected to the main Black Tip gas line, removing the need for diesel generation in the Wadeye community.”

Member for Daly Gary Higgins welcomed the investment from Power and Water Corporation, along with the installation of new electrical pre-payment smart meters at Wadeye households.

“This initiative aims to make the payment of power bills much easier for Wadeye residents,” Mr Higgins said.

“The overall investment in power infrastructure in Wadeye is cause for celebration.”

Power and Water Corporation Chief Executive Michael Thomson said the remote location meant both projects had faced many challenges.

“It’s a testament to the staff at the Power and Water Corporation that these projects were completed on time and on budget,” Mr Thomson said.

“The hard work will also go a long way towards our goal of halving diesel consumption in communities by 2020.”
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